

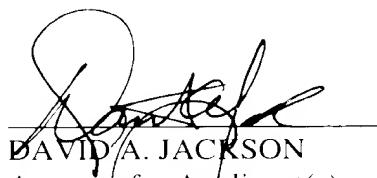
REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

The amendments made herein are with respect to Claims 2-6, which claims were amended during the pendency of the International Application. A copy of the complete text including all amendments made during the International Phase is attached hereto. Applicant requests that these claims be considered as a record presently and therefore correspond to the claims as originally presented in the processing of the present application in the National Phase before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the above and foregoing, early examination and favorable consideration of the present Application as amended is believed to be in order and is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID A. JACKSON
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Registration No. 26,742

KLAUBER & JACKSON
411 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 487-5800

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In The Claims:

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) A purification [equipment] system according to claim 1, characteri[s]zed in that the tank-filter (1) is a settling tank with at least two outlets for the clarified water, to which flocculent can be added, the sludge being extracted by gravity through the lower part thereof and sent to a filtering bag (5) where it is retained, while the clarified water is sent to an intermediate tank (7), being joined to this the water which passes through said filtering bag (5) and is received in a collection tank (6).

3. (Amended) A purification [equipment] system according to claim 2, characteri[s]zed in that the filtering bag (5) is arranged inside a metal frame (4) which acts as a support for it and as a collector for the water passing through it on its way to the reception tank (6).

4. (Amended) A purification [equipment] system according to claim 1, characteri[s]zed in that the tank-filter (15) is a polypropylene bag filter that includes diatomaceous earth, with circulation being maintained in closed circuit from the tank (6) containing water, the bags being filled with a pre-layer of this earth; a pump (11a) sucking the liquid to be purified and which passes through that filter (15) to the reception tank (6), from where it is decanted to the array of columns 9 of activated carbon.

5. (Amended) A purification [equipment] characteri[s]zed according to [any of the preceding] claim[s] 1, characteri[s]zed in that at the outlet from the array of columns 9 of activated carbon is included an ultraviolet lamp (13) for optimi[s]zing the purification.

Attorney Docket No. 2609-1-001
International Patent Application No. PCT/ES00/00033

6. (Amended) A purification [equipment] system for wastewater coming from fruit and vegetable processing plants and phytosanitary treatments in the field, according to [any of the above claim[s] 1, characteri[s]zed in that the array of columns 9 of activated carbon, three in number, are mounted on a rotating plate (17) where there exists a fourth bottle (9) in reserve, which replaces number three when the first one becomes clogged up and is withdrawn and replaced by the second, with the third taking over in the second place.